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For: *Methods of Isolating the Androgenic Sex Hormone from Crustacean Prawn and Marine Shrimp and Methods of Use*

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2002 in connection with the above-referenced application. Consideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow is kindly solicited. A Petition for Extension of Time for one month to December 6, 2002 and the \$ 55.00 fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) accompany this amendment making this a timely response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-67641-1/RFT/NBC).

REMARKS

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite.

Claims 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 on the ground that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over the art of Malecha *et al.* (1992), Okuno *et al* (1997) and Nagamine *et al.* (1980).